

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of a single company serving itself, rather than fulfilling its obligation to serve the communities in which it broadcasts. It is also representative of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Requiring it's stations to air one-sided programs like "Stolen Honor" do not, and are harmful to our democracy.

When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.